

# HOUSE CURBS COURT CANAL BILL REVIEW

Refers Mr. Taft's Message to Committee with No Quorum in Capital and Blocks Action During Present Session.

## VETO IS NOT EXPECTED

Senators Uncertain Over the President's Suggestion for Judicial Test of Tolls Question and May Act on It.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, Aug. 19.—The President's move to modify the Panama Canal bill by giving to foreign vessel owners the right to press their claims under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the United States courts was checked by the House of Representatives, which late to-day referred his message to that effect to the Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals. There is not a quorum of the House committee in Washington, and therefore, as was known to the House leaders, no action can be taken at the present session of Congress.

The President in his message to both houses of Congress to-day reiterated his belief that the remission of tolls to American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade was not a violation of the treaty and laid stress upon the importance of giving evidence of good faith in the observance of treaty obligations. He said:

"I think the importance of our standing before the world as anxious to give to the world an opportunity to test this question in the courts is an earnest of our good faith in attempting to keep within our treaty obligations."

Clash of Opinion in Senate.

The Senate received the message with some uncertainty. Among the Democrats there was a disposition by some to regard it as a threat to veto the canal bill if the resolution suggested were not adopted. Others thought it would be undignified for the Legislature expressly to place upon its acts the restriction that they should be subject to the provisions of a treaty. There were Senators, however, who looked upon the suggestion as a reasonable one, and it is not improbable that the Senate will act upon the suggestion.

Senator Brandegee hastily called a meeting of the Committee on the Panama Canal for to-morrow.

The House took an adroit method of reading the question presented by the President's message. Representative Adamson said he had warned Representative Underwood and other leaders that there was not a quorum of his committee in the capital, and that to refer the question to it would prevent the passing of a resolution before the adjournment of Congress. Despite the warning, the leaders of the House moved the reference of the question to the committee, and by this means, it is asserted, have put an end to further consideration of the proposal to qualify the provisions of the canal bill.

Veto Not Expected.

The President, after conferring with members of the Senate and House during the day, called a special meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon, and then sent to Congress the message in which he expressed the opinion that the good faith of the United States in the observance of its treaty obligations required that some measure be passed to give to the United States courts the authority to review the question of the right of this government to remit tolls.

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# COLLEGE SEEKS LEPERS

May Establish Colony on Campus for Educational Purposes.

St. Paul, Aug. 19.—The establishment of a colony of lepers on the campus of the University of Minnesota is proposed for educational purposes, according to Dr. H. M. Bracken, secretary of the State Board of Health, who says there would be less danger with such a colony than with an equal number of consumptives.

The board of regents of the university is to be told all the conditions which prompted the proposal.

## SAVES GIRLS FROM RIVER

Seventeen-Year-Old Boy Rescues Two at Hastings.

Ross Brown, the seventeen-year-old son of Henry C. Brown, an author, saved two young girls from drowning at Hastings-on-Hudson yesterday afternoon. The girls rescued are Miss Emma Hoyt, daughter of Henry A. Hoyt, a hardware merchant, and Miss Lillie Delaney, daughter of Charles C. Delaney, a buyer for the National Conduit and Cable Company.

The girls were swimming in the Hudson River off the Tower Ridge Yacht Club. They went out too far and called for aid. Ross Brown was repairing a yacht at the clubhouse, and, without waiting to take off any of his clothes, plunged in and went to the girls' assistance. Miss Hoyt had sunk twice when he reached her, but he managed to get her safely to the club float, where she was revived.

After placing Miss Hoyt on the float Brown turned back and went to the aid of Miss Delaney, who had succeeded in keeping afloat, but was almost exhausted when he reached her. Brown kept her up until both were reached by Edward Cole, superintendent of the clubhouse, who went out in a boat and brought both ashore.

## HUBBARD YIELDS TO CHILD

Disdains Colleges, but Sends Daughter to One.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Detroit, Aug. 19.—Elbert Hubbard, of East Aurora, N. Y., who has denounced a college education as useless, sent his daughter Miriam to Ann Arbor to-day to make arrangements for entering the literary department of the University of Michigan next month. He did not desist from expressing his disdain of colleges, however.

"This is a woman's age," he explained, "and when my daughter decided that she wanted to enter the University of Michigan I approved. I have lectured at many colleges, and Ann Arbor is the best and most democratic of them all. My daughter already has developed an ability for literary work." Mr. Hubbard continued:

But I told that a man with a finger in him will succeed anyway. A college course may polish pebbles, but it dims diamonds. But I'm glad I went to Harvard for three years. I didn't take any degree. I got plucked, but I'm glad that I went, though the only reason I can see for going to college is to find out that there is nothing in it.

## PENROSE TO TELL OF FUND

Will Make Statement To-morrow About 1904 Campaign.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, declared to-night that he would make a statement in the Senate on Wednesday relating to the contributions to the Republican campaign fund in 1904.

"The statement will be of such a character," Senator Penrose declared, "that the Committee on Privileges and Elections cannot help but take notice of it."

The Senator would not go into details to-night, but said his statement would be enlightening as to contributions to the fund which preceded the Presidential election of 1904.

## CHILD SHOT BY SUITOR

Rejected Man Wounds Girl of 14 and Kills Himself.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Easton, Penn., Aug. 19.—Sigmund Young, a cement worker, twenty-five years old, shot Annie McIntosh, fourteen years old, because she refused to marry him and then killed himself.

The girl, who is not expected to live, came to this country only five weeks ago. Her father, who worked in the same plant under Young, gave a party in her honor. Young was a guest, and became infatuated with the little girl. The father spoke to both his daughter and her suitor, pointing out that the child was entirely too young to be thinking of matrimony.

Young continued his attentions, and was finally ordered by Annie's parents to keep away from the girl. He told his friends about this love affair to-day and declared he would never give up the girl. He went to the house to-night and asked Annie to marry him to-morrow. She replied that her parents had commanded her not to discuss the subject with him and that she must obey them.

Without another word Young drew a revolver and shot the girl in the face, and then turned the weapon upon himself, falling dead across his victim.

## TRACES ILLS TO ADAM AND EVE.

St. Paul, Aug. 19.—Addressing the twelfth annual convention of the Associated Fraternities of America to-day, Dr. P. A. Quick, of Muskegon, Mich., traced disease to Adam and Eve, declaring that even the first man's health was none too good, owing probably to the removal of the rib from which Eve was created.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived at Pocatello, Idaho, last night from Seal Harbor, Me., and it is believed that he will try to-day to solve the trouble among the Italians. The deputies were still on guard and all was quiet last night.

# AMERICAN OUTLAW SHOT IN JUNGLE

British Soldiers Pursue J. W. Rogers, Elephant Poacher, Through Soudan and Into the Belgian Congo.

## TRACKED MAN WAS WILY

Led a Trail Through Swamps and Over Mountains, but Bullet Finally Lays Him Low—A Dramatic Finale.

London, Aug. 19.—Hunted down by British soldiers in the depths of the jungles of Central Africa, where for years in defiance of all authority he had pursued the career of an elephant poacher and illicit ivory trader, James Ward Rogers, an American, is dead. He was shot down by a little force of troops which had been sent into the wilderness in pursuit, with orders not to return without the outlaw, dead or alive.

News of Rogers' death came formally to-day to the British Colonial Office from Captain C. V. Fox, inspector of Mongolia Province, who commanded the expedition. Although told in an official report, the story revealed is one of the most dramatic in colonial annals.

For years Rogers had carried on his lawless trade, which popular opinion credited with netting him a fortune. The remote regions along the Lado Enclave and Congo boundaries were the scenes of his operations. Time after time British officials of the Soudan had tried in vain to trap him. It was this defiance of years which determined the government to crush the old man.

Captain Fox's report shows that in his long operations Rogers had done more than had been dreamed of by the Colonial Office. He had established an organized administration over the wild, trackless country, and among the natives was a virtual if uncrowned king.

## British Officer's Tribute.

The success of the outlaw in handling his "subjects" and in the pursuit of his trade drew from Captain Fox, in his report, the tribute that Rogers' work was worthy of a better cause.

Not since the explorer, Henry M. Stanley, pierced the jungles in 1871 and found Dr. Livingstone has such a tale of hardships, trials and dangers come out of Africa, Captain Fox's report, in this respect, resembles most nearly perhaps the tale of General Funston's dogged pursuit of Aguinaldo in the Philippines.

For the purpose of tracking the outlaw the English commander was given a non-commissioned subordinate and six Soudanese soldiers. Body carriers and mules for the transportation of supplies were part of his equipment. His instructions were simple—not to return until the outlaw was captured.

With a soldier's disregard for red tape, Captain Fox in his report fails to mention dates in describing the man hunt. Apparently the dénouement of the jungle drama came three months ago.

The pursuers then had spent weeks plunging through a jungle that almost defied passage, Rogers cunningly leading them through the densest of swamps and forests and across deep streams. Before the outlaw was overtaken he had crossed the Nile into the Belgian Congo.

Creeping up the Uganda bank of the Nile the expedition pushed forward for six weeks before the quarry was located. Fox and his men then had worn their clothes to tatters and their supplies were exhausted, leaving them facing starvation in the wilderness.

Natives Taunt Pursuers.

The last twelve hours of the pursuit was particularly trying. The chase led over a mountain, with Rogers' men only a short distance in advance. As they fled the apelike natives of the outlaw sent back taunts and jeers at their pursuers.

Dramatic in the extreme is Captain Fox's description of the death of Rogers. In the jungle into which they had descended from the mountain his party came suddenly upon a camp. A native approached the English officer and said:

"The commander wants you to come in. He is sick and cannot come out."

Entering the hut Captain Fox found himself in a room dimly lighted by a candle. A white man was lying on a couch and beside him sat a companion, also white. For a time there was a dead silence, Captain Fox believing he had been led into a trap. Then he asked:

"Which is Mr. Rogers?"

"Mr. Rogers has been shot," replied the outlaw's companion.

"Yes," interrupted Rogers, "and by your men."

"Come, stand right here, so I can look at you," Rogers continued. His eyes were blazing, and from beneath a blanket he drew a revolver and pointed it at the officer.

"I'm a dying man, I guess," he said, "I didn't think they could kill Old Rogers, but they got him this time."

"Still, you are in Belgian territory, and you stand more chance for arrest than I do."

Fearing that the revolver which menaced him might be discharged at any moment, Captain Fox turned and fled.

## ROCKEFELLER WARS ON FLIES

Gives \$250 to Cleveland Extermination Fund of \$2,000.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Cleveland, Aug. 19.—John D. Rockefeller has entered the lists against the fly. From his secretary, H. D. Sims, a letter came to Dr. C. E. Ford, of the Health Office, to-day, saying that a check for \$250 would be sent immediately for the fund to exterminate the fly.

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## WOMAN OVERPOWERS MANIAO

Infirmary Matron Holds Man Who Had Struck Down Four Others.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 19.—Miss Margaret Lindsay, matron of the Sonoma County Infirmary, overpowered George Howeth, a former prizefighter, who had struck down four men in a fit of insanity to-day.

The crazed man split open the head of one of the men attendants, and the others were beaten until they were unconscious. Miss Lindsay grabbed Howeth by the hair and throwing him to the floor, held him until he was placed in a straitjacket.

## USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

The Antiseptic powder to shake into your shoes. Gives instant relief to aching feet.

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# ONE OF THE MEN HIGHER UP



Still, Small Voice to Prosperous, Respectable, but Listless, Citizen—And what have you done for your city in the last twenty-five years?

## FOUR LOST IN THE WATER

Girl Bathers Drown—Brothers Go Down in Canoe.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Miss Mary Wright, twenty-three years old, daughter of P. H. Wright, a prominent lumberman, and Miss Bertha Johnson, aged sixteen, were drowned in Norway Bay to-day while bathing. They got beyond their depth and went down before other bathers could reach them.

Eugene Simons, twenty-four, and his brother, Ferdinand, fourteen, were accidentally drowned in the Lake of the Woods, near Kenora, to-day while out in their canoe, which capsized.

## LEGLESS BOY CAN SWIM

Learns to Go Half a Mile Without Changing Stroke.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—Charles F. Parvis, instructor of swimming in the schools, has taught a legless boy to swim in the public bathhouse. The pupil is Tyson Detwiler, fourteen years old, of No. 2217 East Albert street, who lost his limbs in a train accident eight years ago.

At first he feared the water, and Parvis had him do stunts on a bench. Then Detwiler learned to dive. Now he can swim at least half a mile without changing his arm movement. Parvis had a special platform constructed for the boy, who can dive from it at a height of six feet.

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## MURDERER OF FOUR POSED AS AMERICAN

British Army Captain Kills His Wife, His Three Children and Himself.

## ALSO BURNED HOUSE DOWN

Sordid Story of Man Who Married a Sister of Woman He Had Wronged Bared by Tragedy.

London, Aug. 19.—Reports, which were given scareheads in the earlier afternoon editions of the London newspapers, that a rich American named Mackie had murdered his wife and three children and had then committed suicide by shooting with a revolver, horrified the American colony here.

Later the American residents were greatly relieved when investigation disclosed the fact that the author of the horrible butchery was not an American, but the story is one of the most revolting tragedies that have occurred in England in recent years.

Captain Hicks Murray, formerly of the Gordon Highlanders, took as his mistress some seven or eight years ago Florence Taylor, a young woman of respectable family, and two years ago he married Florence's younger sister Edith.

By Florence Taylor Captain Murray had two children, and by his wife one. Mrs. Murray did not live with her husband long, but her sister continued to live with him.

Representing himself as Richard Charles Mackie, an American, the former army officer a few weeks ago rented a house in Eastbourne, a fashionable watering place sixty-six miles south-east of London, installing there Florence Taylor and their two children. Last Sunday night the legal wife, with her child, appeared on the scene and the tragedy followed. Murray, in a fit of frenzy, whipped out a revolver and shot his wife and all three little ones dead. He also fired two shots at Florence Taylor, both bullets taking effect, and then, after setting fire to the house, committed suicide. The bodies of the five persons killed were found charred in the ruins of the building.

Florence Taylor, who was the only occupant of the apartment to escape alive, was taken to a hospital, where she lies to-night in a hysterical condition. She was visited at the hospital this afternoon by another sister, who said that her brother-in-law was formerly a captain of the Scots Greys and later was connected with the Territorials. He had twice suffered from sunstroke during his long term of service in India, she said, and had shown

## AUTOS AT \$250 APIECE

U. S. Manufacturers About to Flood British Market.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
London, Aug. 20.—"The Daily Express" makes the startling assertion that a group of American automobile manufacturers is prepared to flood the British market with cars selling at \$250 apiece.

"Misunderstanding," He Says.

Later in the day Dougherty got into communication with Mr. Whitman, and after assuring him that the department would "work with him" declared that the "misunderstanding" of the morning was due to Commissioner Waldo's orders.

## COPYRIGHT IN DANGER

American Works May Have No Legal Status in England.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
London, Aug. 20.—Attention is called in "The Times" to the delay in applying the copyright act of 1911 to the United States of America.

As a consequence, it is considered extremely doubtful whether many American works since the act came into force have been entitled to copyright in Great Britain.

## ACTIVE FOR TAFT AT 95

Philadelphia's Oldest Lawyer Urges President's Cause.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—William J. Price, the oldest member of the Philadelphia bar, celebrated to-day his ninety-fifth birthday by gathering around him numerous younger members of the bar and advising them to cast their vote for President Taft at the next election.

"In politics, gentlemen," said Mr. Price, as he sat in the same office, at No. 727 Walnut street, that he has occupied for seventy years, "I am an independent, and I will show my independence this year by voting for President Taft. I will not be bulldozed by a lot of alleged reformers whose skin is so thin that their ambitions are apparent."

## MRS. HILL WEDS A JUDGE

Divorced Wife of Norwalk Millionaire Married in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 19.—Judge Henry S. Priest and Mrs. Mabel Currie Hill, of Norwalk, Conn., were married to-night in Judge Priest's home by the Rev. Dr. Charles Boying, president of Westminster College.

Judge and Mrs. Priest probably will sail on Thursday from New York for the Continent for their honeymoon. Judge Priest is fifty-nine and is famed as a lawyer in the West.

The new Mrs. Priest, who is twenty-nine years old, recently obtained a Reno divorce from Ebenezer Hill, a millionaire ironmaster of Norwalk, Conn.

## BLOOD OF RABBITS SAVES BOY.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Los Angeles, Aug. 19.—By transfusing the blood of two rabbits into the veins of Emerson Marr, six years old, of Monrovia, the life of the boy has been saved and he is on the way to perfect health. The boy was subject to nosebleeds, and faced death from exhaustion.

## WHERE TO HAVE LUNCHEON.

And drink the best American Wine. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., N. Y.

—Adv't.

# TRIED FOR DAYS TO GET SCHEPPS FROM WHITMAN

As Last Resort Dougherty Sends Five Men to Meet Train from Albany and Demand Custody.

## UNDER ORDERS OF WALDO

Alleged "Paymaster" Tells District Attorney His Story, and Will Corroborate the Revelations Made by Jack Rose.

## CATSKILL MAN PROMOTED

Lieutenant Gray Becomes a Captain—Justice Goff Said to Intend John Doe Proceedings Under the Dowling Law to Get Evidence in Scandal.

"Sam" Schepps, who will be a witness for the people in the trial of Lieutenant Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was brought back to New York yesterday from Hot Springs, Ark. His story of the murder, which he told to District Attorney Whitman on the train running down from Albany, will corroborate the story told by "Jack" Rose.

The arrival of Schepps disclosed the fact that since Thursday the Police Department, through Second Deputy Commissioner George S. Dougherty, has been exerting every effort to have Schepps taken to Police Headquarters.

Dougherty telegraphed positive instructions to Detective Albert H. Thomas, who, with Assistant District Attorney Rubin, brought Schepps back, to bring the fugitive to Police Headquarters as soon as he got to New York.

These telegraphed orders were supplemented by the appearance of five detectives from the Central Office on the train, when it stopped at the 125th street station, and by a dozen more at the Grand Central Station.

Detectives Haggerty and Dietz, in charge of these men, made a great display of demanding the custody of Schepps under specific orders from Commissioner Waldo, but Mr. Whitman informed the detectives that if they attempted to arrest Schepps without a warrant, he would have them arrested.

Later in the day Dougherty got into communication with Mr. Whitman, and after assuring him that the department would "work with him" declared that the "misunderstanding" of the morning was due to Commissioner Waldo's orders.

Schepps was lodged in the West Side prison—technically as a vagrant, actually as a material witness for the people—and was held for one week.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry S. Sternberger, the stock broker who made a practice of loaning his automobile to Lieutenant Becker, will be subpoenaed as a witness before the grand jury. He will be asked not only as to Becker's use of his car, but as to what relations Becker had with him in a business way—in stock speculation or investment. Other brokers whose names Mr. Whitman now has as those of men who handled Becker's accounts will also be subpoenaed to testify along the same lines.

Lieutenant John J. Gray, who was in charge of the men in the Catskills, whom Schepps accused of permitting him to escape, was promoted to a captain yesterday by Commissioner Waldo.

John Doe Proceedings.

It was reported that Justice Goff, who was designated by Governor Dix to preside over the extraordinary term of the Supreme Court which will have charge of all the Rosenthal cases, is consulting with District Attorney Whitman as to the advisability of instituting John Doe proceedings under the Dowling law as a means of getting at all the evidence in the general police graft situation.

"William Shapiro, the chauffeur of the 'murder car,' had his last chance to become a witness for the people yesterday, when he was taken into Mr. Whitman's office to talk things over. The District Attorney is convinced that Shapiro is not telling frankly all that he knows about the murder, and it is likely that Shapiro will be included in the blanket indictment, which will name the four gunmen, Becker and 'Jack' Sullivan, and which will probably be handed up to-day.

Lieutenant Becker was arraigned before Judge Crain in General Sessions yesterday, to plead to the murder indictment, but his plea was postponed.

John Purroy Mitchell, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the man who, as Acting Mayor, exposed the police corruption in Coney Island, promised to aid in the aldermanic investigation of the police system.

## WHITMAN MADE TRIP TO PROTECT SCHEPPS.

With the arrival of "Sam" Schepps at the Grand Central Station yesterday morning at 10:20 o'clock, the Police Department made one last attempt to get the custody of the fugitive witness,